REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

The amendments to the specification insert the required cross reference to related applications in order to maintain the claim for priority herein.

Claims 1-4 have been the subject of prior parent application 09/9925,451, of which this application is a continuation.

Claims 1-4 are herewith amended to conform the claims listed in the copy of the specification of the parent application to the form in which they currently exists following final rejection in the parent application.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been entered in this amendment and that the subject application is in condition for allowance.

An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respect fully submitted,

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